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MISSOULA--

Dr. Walter C. Schwank, chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Montana, Missoula, was recently selected as an honorary member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA).

He received a plaque designating the honor and signifying membership in NATA at the group's national convention awards banquet last month in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Schwank was honored for his work with the NATA's Professional Education Committee which, during the past several years, has developed a collegiate course of study and certification program for athletic trainers. The program is focused on the professional preparation of athletic trainers, particularly for the junior and senior high school level where there is a growing need for adequately prepared men and women to care for the student athlete.

UM implemented the Athletic Trainers Certification program four years ago thus becoming one of the first eight universities in the country to have such a curriculum. Twenty-three collegiate institutions now offer the certification program.

Schwank coached football at several Iowa high schools, the University of Iowa and Coe College before coming to UM.

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